IAP2 Rec'd PCT/PTO 29 SEP 2006

DOCKET NO: 296905US40PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

:

HIROSHI SAWADA, ET AL.

: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

(BASED ON PCT/JP06/302092)

FILED: HEREWITH

:

FOR:

SIGNAL SEPARATION DEVICE, SIGNAL SEPARATION METHOD,

SIGNAL SEPARATION PROGRAM,

AND RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.